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C O N F I D E N T I A L ATHENS 3435

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SUBJECT: LAW OF THE SEA: GOG VIEWS ON SEVERAL AGENDA
ITEMS LOS CONFERENCE CARACAS

REF: ATHENS 3433

1. IN ADDITION TO COMMENTS ON STRAITS ISSUE

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(SEE ATHENS-3433), PROFESSOR GEORGE ZOTIADIS, CHIRMAN

GOVERNMENT INTERMINISTERIAL COMMITTEE ON LAW OF THE SEA, PRESENTED GREEK VIEWS TO EMBOFF ON A NUMBER OF OTHER ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED AT LOS CONFERENCE IN CARACAS.

A. REGARDING THE PROPOSED U.S. AMENDMENTS TO CONFERENCE RULES OF PROCEDURE (DEPTEL-053206) ZOTIADIS STATED THAT GOG FULLY SHARES U.S. VIEWS AND WILL SUPPORT U.S. POSITION.

B. ON FISHERIES QUESTION (DEPARTMENT A-3753, MAY 9, 1974) ZOTIADIS STATED THAT GOG POSITION "WILL ACCOMMODATE USG VIEWS". IN AN ASIDE, HE REMARKED THAT ACTUALLY GOG "CLOSER TO SOVIETS ON DETAILS OF THIS QUESTION" BUT HE ASSERTED THIS SHOULD BE OF NO REAL CONCERN SINCE THE SOVIET VIEW IS RATHER CLOSE TO U.S. VIEW IN ANY CASE.

C. ON QUESTION OF COASTAL SEABED RESOURCES, ZONE-LOCKED COUNTRIES, MARINE POLLUTION, MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND COMPULSORY DISPUTE SETTLEMENT, ZOTIADIS STATED THAT GOG HELD VIEWS SIMILAR TO USG.

D. ON QUESTION OF PROVISIONAL APPLICATION OF CERTAIN PARTS OF LOS CONVENTION (E.G. FISHERIES AND SEABED REGIMES), ZOTIADIS STATED THAT GOG DELEGATION WILL BE LEFT "COMPLETELY FREE" TO DECIDE THAT ISSUE AT CARACAS. IN HIS WORDS, GREEK DELEGATION WOULD "KEEP AN OPEN MIND". WHEN EMBOFF PRODDER HIM TO EXPLAIN MATTER FURTHER, ZOTIADIS SUGGESTED THAT GOG DELEGATION COULD UTILIZE THIS ITEM FOR BARGAINING PURPOSES AT CONFERENCE AND THAT IT -- AND POSSIBLY THE STRAITS QUESTION AS WELL (SEE ATHENS-3433) -- COULD COMPRISE SUBSTANTIVE ELEMENTS IN A "PACKAGE DEAL" TO BE PROPOSED BY GOG DELEGATION.

2. ZOTIADIS LEFT FOR ROME SHORTLY AFTER JUNE 4 DISCUSSION WITH EMBOFF AND WILL RETURN ATHENS JUNE 9. EMBOFF SUGGESTED FURTHER MEETING JUNE 10 OR 11 BEFORE ZOTIADIS DEPARTS FOR NEW YORK O/A JUNE 13 FROM WHENCE HE WILL FLY DIRECTLY TO CARACAS. ZOTIADIS AGREED THAT SUCH DISCUSSION WOULD PROVIDE VALUABLE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW LOS ISSUES ONE LAST TIME BEFORE CARACAS.

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3. EMBASSY WOULD WELCOME ANY FURTHER RELEVANT GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO PROVIDE.

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